
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6016

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By Senate Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Rivers, Keiser, Cleveland, Tom, Kline, and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the grace period for enrollees of the Washington
2 health benefit exchange; adding a new section to chapter 43.71 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.71 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The exchange must provide electronic notification to the qualified
8 health plan before the sixth of the month indicating an enrollee has
9 not paid the premium.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 48.43 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1)(a) An issuer of a qualified health plan shall provide a notice
13 to a health care provider or health care facility that an enrollee is
14 in a grace period if the health care provider or health care facility:

15 (i)(A) Submits a request to the issuer regarding the enrollee's
16 eligibility, coverage, or health plan benefits;

17 (B) Submits a request to the issuer regarding the status of a claim
18 for services provided to an enrollee; or

1 (C) Reports a claim in a remittance advice; and
2 (ii) Request or claim is for a date during the second or third
3 month of the enrollee's grace period.
4 (b) The issuer of a qualified health plan shall provide the notice
5 to the health care provider or health care facility. The notice to the
6 health care provider or health care facility must include:
7 (i) The purpose of the notice;
8 (ii) The enrollee's full legal name and any unique numbers
9 identifying the enrollee; and
10 (iii) The name of the qualified health plan and the issuer.
11 (2) For purposes of this section "grace period" means a period of
12 three consecutive months if an enrollee receiving advance payments of
13 the premium tax credit has previously paid at least one full month's
14 premium during the benefit year.

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